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Bean and Pulses Monthly Trade Report - March 2004

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Report Highlights:

Export activity is strong due to purchase orders from overseas buyers. Prices are firm. After India, who took 69 percent of exports, China was the second major importer of Burma's beans and pulses, with 13 percent.

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Trade

During March, Burma exported 131,179 metric tons (mt) of beans and pulses. Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) comprised 37 percent, Matpe 27 percent and Mung beans 25 percent of the total beans and pulses export. The major destination was India who took 69 percent of the total beans and pulses export. March's exports increased 87 percent from March, 2003.

Bangladesh - a total of 3,190 mt of beans and pulses exported:

2,890 mt of Black Matpe
300 mt of Mung beans

Belgium – a total of 45 mt of beans and pulses exported:

5 mt of Black Matpe
28 mt of Kidney beans
12 mt of Mung beans

China - a total of 16,555 mt of beans and pulses exported:

16,174 mt of Mung beans
381 mt of Small white beans

Dubai - a total of 92 mt of beans and pulses exported:

92 mt of Black Matpe

Egypt – a total of 1,022 mt of beans and pulses exported:

1,022 mt of Black Eye beans

Germany – a total of 46 mt of beans and pulses exported:

46 mt of Kidney beans

India - a total of 90,780 mt of beans and pulses exported:

971 mt of Black Eye beans
24,855 mt of Black Matpe
1,230 mt of Chickpeas
11,300 mt of Mung beans
47,938 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon Pea)
4,486 mt of Kidney beans

Indonesia – a total of 747 mt of beans and pulses exported:

747 mt of Mung beans

Japan - a total of 565 mt of beans and pulses exported:

103 mt of Black Matpe
462 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)
20 mt of Sultani/pya (Red Lima beans)

Malaysia - a total of 380 mt of beans and pulses exported:

214 mt of Matpe
154 mt of Mung beans
2 mt of Kidney beans
10 mt of various beans

Netherlands – a total of 221 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 23 mt of Kidney beans
- 174 mt of Mung beans
- 24 mt of Toor Whole (Pigeon Pea)

Pakistan - a total of 8,004 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 69 mt of Black Eye beans
- 5,890 mt of Matpe
- 140 mt of Bamboo beans
- 1,790 mt of Chickpeas
- 115 mt of Kidney beans

Philippines – a total of 420 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 396 mt of Mung beans
- 24 mt of Bamboo beans

Portugal - a total of 131 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 131 mt of Black Eye beans

Sri Lanka - a total of 994 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 162 mt of Matpe
- 832 mt of Mung beans
- 138 mt of Chickpeas

Singapore - a total of 1,012 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 624 mt of Mung beans
- 388 mt of Matpe

South Africa – a total of 283 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 165 mt of Black Eye beans
- 118 mt of Mung beans

Spain – a total of 42 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 42 mt of Kidney beans

Thailand - a total of 4,413 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 168 mt of Matpe
- 230 mt of Mung beans
- 1,884 mt of Cowpea
- 2,131 mt of various beans

Taiwan - total of 416 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 416 mt of Mung beans

U.A.E – a total of 897 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 46 mt of Black Eye beans
- 621 mt of Matpe
- 230 mt of Mung beans

United Kingdom - a total of 660 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 660 mt of Mung beans

Uruguay - a total of 264 mt of beans and pulses exported:

- 64 mt of Butter beans (Lima beans)

Beans and Pulses Exports (mt)	2003	2004
January	43,885	59,450
February	65,471	82,143
March	70,011	131,179
April	88,772	-----
May	51,591	-----
June	100,893	-----
July	107,520	-----
August	87,198	-----
September	100,575	-----
October	99,008	-----
November	36,638	-----
December	38,493	-----
TOTAL	890,055	272,772
Grand Total	890,055	272,772

Prices

Export and Pulses set for beans and pulses by the Price Appraisal Committee that met on March 2004 are:

FAQ= Fair Average Quality

SQ= Super Quality

Matpe (FAQ) US\$ 180

Matpe (SQ) US\$ 220

Mung beans (FAQ) US\$ 260

Butter beans (Lima beans) (FAQ) US\$ 240

Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) (FAQ) US\$ 250

Market Situation

The new beans and pulses crop continued to enter the Binyintnaung wholesale market in Rangoon. Export activity was high in the second week of March and stayed strong through the end of March. Purchase orders from overseas buyers were up and prices firmed. In March, India, which normally takes about 80 percent of the total beans and pulses export each month, took only 69 percent, with China becoming the second major importer of Burma's beans and pulses, taking some 13 percent of the total beans and pulses export.

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